

U.S. LOATH TO ASK FOR WAR ZONE LIMIT

Latin American Plan for Western Hemisphere Operations Thought Futile.

FINAL DECISION HELD UP IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Nov. 27.—Secretary Bryan said today just before leaving for a brief speaking trip in the West that no decision has yet been made on the proposals of several South American governments that the United States lead a joint movement seeking to bring about a delimitation zone of war operations in the Western Hemisphere.

It is not expected that any decision will be communicated to the South American governments until next week after the return of President Wilson and Secretary Bryan to Washington. Meanwhile the diplomatic representatives of the South American governments are taking no further steps.

Though initial propositions were submitted by the United States by the south-most South American countries that one relating to the establishment of a neutral zone about the Western Hemisphere is regarded as the most important.

It is also regarded as the one most difficult to carry into effect, involving as it does the bringing of Germany, France, England and Italy into an agreement to discontinue all operations in the vicinity of North, South and Central America. Little likelihood is seen here of being accepted.

The other suggestions, that the Pan-American Union name a commission to investigate means of protecting the trade of the Western Hemisphere and to call a conference to discuss the matter, are regarded as simpler matters compared with the task of getting the belligerents to agree to such a limitation upon their operations.

In many well informed quarters the South American proposals are regarded as wholly impracticable and out of the question. They seek to transgress, it is said, the unquestioned right of the belligerents to the freedom of the seas.

NO PROTEST ON BOMB DROPPING.

Bryan Denies Any Interference With Belligerents by U. S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—There have been no representations by the United States to belligerent Governments on the subject of bombs dropping from aircraft, Secretary Bryan said here today.

Mr. Bryan said that on the first occasion, when reports had been received in the papers of the bombs falling on or near the American property in the countries which are at war, the diplomatic or consular representative nearest the scene of the reported destruction had been instructed to make representations to the belligerents. He said, were addressed to the United States Government's own representatives and not to the belligerent governments.

Secretary Bryan and other State Department officials said that they knew nothing justifying the published reports that the British Ambassador had addressed to the belligerents disapproval of the practice of dropping bombs upon cities in countries engaged in the war. At the White House officials said they knew of no communication from the President on the subject. Several Ambassadors here who were reported to have been consulted by President Wilson declared that they had no discussions on the subject at the White House. In the absence of the President no authoritative word was obtainable from him.

It was recalled to-day that of all the belligerents only Great Britain, Austria-Hungary and Turkey signed the Hague Declaration prohibiting the dropping of bombs on cities. France, Russia, Serbia and Japan had refused to sign it.

The declaration also contains the provision that it shall be binding in a war only in case all the belligerents are signatory to it and that it shall cease to be binding from the moment a non-signatory Power engages in the war.

According to its own terms, the convention is absolutely no force whatever in the present conflict.

It was also pointed out that in any event if representations had been made by the United States they obviously had had no effect, as only last week German bombs dropped from an aircraft exploded in front of the United States Consulate at Warsaw, killing and injuring several citizens and breaking the windows of the consulate.

MR. TAFT ON CANADA ATTACK.

Says German Invasion Would Not Violate Monroe Doctrine.

Mexico, Nov. 27.—Ex-President Taft, delayed into both the Mexican and the Cuban-German questions here tonight when he spoke before the Outlook Club. About the latter he had the very firm conviction that the usual conception of the Monroe Doctrine would be violated in case the Germans invaded Canada. The mere act of setting forth the case could not be accepted as a sufficient ground for the Americans themselves had sent an army of 30,000 men to Europe; our toes would be pinched, he said, only in case Germany attempted to retain any part of Canada after the war.

Capt. Dow of the Lusitania seemed to doubt the story that Mr. Sprague brought across seas. He said so far as he knew the Audacious had been sent to the bottom of the sea.

"European Governments could have gone into Mexico without violating the doctrine, but they preferred, if you will allow me a colloquial expression, to let us [sic] own our skunk." I give credit for fullest sincerity to the present Administration, but we now nearer the truth for moderation than for severity.

"I was a doubtful creature of perfect fear to try to establish an eligible list of the President of another people, especially when we disclaimed any intention to control their choice."

"One trouble is that many of the European nations who recognized Huerta can now turn to us and say, 'You did this, and now you must assume the burden.' My hope is for some general who can knock out all the others and bring a strong remedy to make for peace and good."

TO INVESTIGATE BERWIND.

Inquiry Into Charges of Neutrality Violation to Be Held Here.

An investigation of the charges that U.S. American steamship Berwind has been smuggling coal and other supplies to German war vessels in the Atlantic is about to be undertaken by direction of the Treasury Department. The investigation will be conducted by Justice Frank Johnson, collector of the Port of New York. The inquiry has been ordered as result of affidavits filed with the United States Shipping Commissioner in New York by the Spanish frenemy of the Berwind.

Collector Malone will examine the affairs of the Berwind in an effort to determine whether neutrality has been violated. In the affidavits submitted it is charged that the Cap. Trafalgar, a converted merchant ship is among the German vessels which received supplies from the Berwind.

SOCIETY GIRLS WORKING IN FIFTH AVE. SHOP TO AID BELGIANS



Left to right: The Misses Margaret Andrew, Muriel Winthrop, Camilla Morgan, Harriette Post, Mary Canfield, Barbara S. Rutherford and Laura Canfield.

No shop in Fifth avenue is attracting more attention than the one at the south-west corner of Fifty-third street. It is called "Little Belgium" and there every day until Christmas a group of fashionable women will sell an extraordinary collection of articles for the benefit of the Belgians. A number of girls in society will give up their pleasures and

spend their days in making change, wrapping parcels and running errands.

"Little Belgium" offers a new way of disposing of old wedding presents, for every donation will be welcome and every one will be acknowledged and put

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